

BROOKIE NEWS



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Newsletter of The Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CWTU)

December 2012

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I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Now with the New Year upon us we can look forward to 2013 with great anticipation. There really is a lot to look forward to in the upcoming year. Here are just a couple of things to start with.

- Tuesday January 8th is our Board meeting and program, with our program being “Night of the Tiny Mayflies”. We’ll have some fly tiers there showing their favorite patterns and answering any question. The board meeting will start at 6:15 pm and the

“If God had wanted us to tie tiny flies, He would have given us smaller fingers.” (On the other hand, if you’ve never seen the film of Lee Wulff doing it without a vise, it’s well worth checking it out.)

program at 7:30 pm. We’ll be at the Fin-N-Feather in Winneconne. This is free to everyone and the public is invited.

- Saturday February 2nd will be the annual TU State Council Meeting and Banquet in Rothschild, just outside of Wausau. Please check out your WI Trout for more details.
- Monday February 4th will be a movie night in De Pere. Tim Landwehr of Tight Lines, is working on some exciting things to raise money for Trout Unlimited. Please watch the website for more info and ticket options. Please try and support this endeavor.

- Saturday February 23rd is the date for Trout Fest 2013. Come on out and check out the exciting things CWTU has done and will do this year. In addition to some fantastic 20 minute mini-seminars there will also be a number of vendors on hand showing their wares. Festivities will start at 9:00 am. This event also is at the Fin-N-Feather in Winneconne. Again also free and the public is invited.

This is just a sampling of things CWTU will have going on for the year, so please take advantage if possible.

Tuesday March 12th will be our board meeting and election night for officers and board members. If you are interested in getting involved in any of these capacities please contact me, either by phone at 920-379-2974 or by e-mail at chlbeck@att.net.

So as we start the beginning of a promising New Year, please think about some of our upcoming events and come out and support them and meet some of the people that are making these possible. Thanks In advance for your support.

**Tight lines,
Linn Beck, CWTU president**

The Future of the Brookie News

*In accordance with the consensus of the CWTU Board of Directors (see the Minutes of the December Board Meeting below), the regular print edition of the Brookie News will begin to be phased out, starting with this December issue. **The Brookie will be offered in print edition as well as electronically on-line at the CWTU.org website only for December 2012, and January and February 2013, and then cease publication as a print edition for general distribution.** However, the Chapter will maintain a mailing list and will distribute a print edition to those members of the Chapter who do not have electronic access via the internet or who, for whatever reason, cannot or choose not to receive the electronic version. **If you wish to continue receiving the print edition of the Brookie, it is important that you notify the Chapter by February 28 by sending a note requesting continued print mailing, to the Chapter Secretary and Brookie Editor at CWTU, P.O. Box 3041, Oshkosh, WI 54903-3041.** The current plan is to send an email notification to all chapter members upon publication of each month's Brookie News, with a hot link to the Chapter website where each month's issue will continue to be published as they have been in the past. When you receive the email notice, you will merely click on the link and it should bring you directly to the month's Brookie as well as providing easy access to prior issues. **Thus it is also***

important that the Chapter have a correct email address for each member. If you have not been receiving periodic mailings from the Chapter, chances are that we do not have a correct current email address for you. You can remedy that by simply sending an email to Mike Schaefer at:

Mikeschaefer@gmail.com and your email address will be corrected in the Chapter data base. It is hoped that this policy change will provide significant cost savings to the Chapter so that we can fund the important on-stream goals of the Chapter as well as increasing the traffic to the website where a wealth of useful and important information can be found. Thanks for your continued support.

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CWTU Board of Directors Meeting December 19, 2012, Fin 'n Feather

Meeting called to order by President Beck, 6:20 p.m.

Minutes of the November Board Meeting were *approved* as distributed.

The Treasurer's Report was *approved* as distributed. The Treasurer reviewed the current standing restricted fund balances. Benches and plaques were paid for from the Ozzie and Sopkovich funds in accordance with current policy. *Mr. Harmon moved that the General Fund be reimbursed from the Beck Fund for library expenses incurred. The motion was seconded and*

approved. Mr. Harmon moved that the \$1000 anonymous donation in the current year be moved from the General Fund to the Beck Fund. Trout School be moved from the General Fund to the Beck Fund, in accordance with policy. Some discussion followed regarding the need to more aggressively identify candidates for the education grants, so that the fund purposes be achieved and the fund not accumulate excessive balances. Mr. Harmon's motion was seconded and approved. Discussion followed regarding the disposition of the remaining balances in the Mekan River Project funds. Mr. Beck will contact the Donnelly Chapter and the Trout and Salmon Foundation seeking their approval to hold the balances and apply them to additional Mekan River work to be scheduled in 2014. No action will be taken pending Mr. Beck's reporting back to the Board in January.

Mr. Beck reported on the N.E. **Regional meeting.** \$57,000 in requests were funded and should be sufficient to fund Shawn Sullivan's summer work crews, Mr. Beck reported that Shawn Sullivan is seeking **funding to assist with the purchase of a Piranha dredge** and to support his **LTE crews.** *Mr. Herlache moved that \$2000 from the Nash Fund be appropriated to support the Piranha purchase. Motion was seconded and approved. Mr. Herlache moved that \$2000 from the General Fund be*

appropriated to support Shawn's work crews. Motion was seconded. After discussion regarding the desire to ensure that the work crews be employed in CWTU's area of interest, the motion was approved.

Further discussion of the **Brookie production and mailing costs** ensued. Annual costs are approximately \$3000. Some sentiment for continuing the paper copy production was expressed, while others viewed the expense as unnecessary in the light of current practices moving in the direction of electronic publishing. *Mr. Shaefers suggested the we move toward weaning members away from the paper edition over a period of three months, while building a reduced mailing list of those who wish to continue receiving the hard copy because of lack of access to electronic media. Mr. Schaefer will work with Mr. Grady to update and make current the email addresses of all current members.*

Mr. Beck indicated that **Tight Lines is interested in using the annual Fly Fishing Film Festival** as a fund raising opportunity to help support the DNR work crews in our area. The next Festival will be on Monday, February 4, 2013 at the Little Theater in DePere. Tickets are \$15, and approximately 250 will be sold. Fund raising ideas include raffles and auctions. Tim is asking for volunteers to help with ticket, raffles, etc.

Old Business: Mr. Beck has one remaining advance sales ticket for the State Council Banquet. *Laura Tucker has been nominated by the Chapter for recognition as an Unsung Hero to be recognized at the Banquet.*

New Business: *Mr. Wegand will transition into the role of Banquet Committee Chair. Mr. Seligman moved that the 2013 Banquet be held at the WWII Memorial in Wautoma on Saturday, October 5. The motion was seconded and approved.* Mr. Beck reminded the Board that elections for officers will be held in March. The Nominating Committee will begin work to produce a slate of candidates. *Mr. Beck announced that he has been nominated to serve as State Council Vice Chair.* Mr. Seligman announced that work toward the TU National Meeting to be held in Madison on September 20, 2013 will begin with a conference call with National and the State Council committee chairs on Thursday, December 20. Mr. Seligman will provide a progress report to the Board in January. Meeting was **adjourned** at 7:30 p.m., followed by a program on smallmouth bass fishing by fisheries biologist, Al Niebuhr.

**Respectfully submitted,
David Seligman, Secretary**

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